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AB Antisense inhibition of the RelA subunit but not the NFkB1 subunit of NF-kappa-B **transcription factor** results in a block of cellular adhesion and inhibition of tumor cell growth in vitro and in vivo. Studies aimed at dissecting the molecular mechanism of antisense relA action led to our identification of a kappa-B-like motif present in alpha-V integrin promoter. The alpha-V/kappa-B motif is closely related

to RelA/c-Rel-**binding** sequences, such as 65-2 and TF-1. However, unlike these two kappa-B-like motifs, the alpha-V/kappa-B motif detected

a nuclear Spl activity distinct from kappa-B activity which was subsequently confirmed to be derived from Spl. In comparison to the conventional GC box-containing Spl motif, the alpha-V/kappa-B motif also binds in vitro

to c-Rel and RelA but not to NFkB1. Antisense inhibition of RelA inhibited the alpha-V/kappa-B activity. Direct in vivo competition of alpha-V/kappa-B-**binding** activity by a **decoy** approach also resulted in inhibition of alpha-V/kappa-B activity in intact cells.

A variant of the a alpha-V/kappa-B motif was found to retain the dual ability to detect Spl and the NF-kappa-B complex in the nuclear and cytoplasmic extracts. Such dual interacting ability of a DNA motif offers yet another way of gene regulation in vivo and hence can affect cellular growth. Our results identify alpha-V integrin as one of the molecular targets for rel A/NF-kappa-B and may explain growth inhibition by antisense relA.

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AB MET, a potentially harmful oncogene controlling invasive growth, is
overexpressed in a significant percentage of human cancers. Since
amplification of the MET gene occurs only in a fraction of these cases,

we

investigated the transcriptional mechanisms responsible for up-regulation
of the promoter activity. The transcription driven by the 3.1 kbp DNA
fragment containing the minimal promoter was studied by 5' progressive
deletion analysis. The patterns of MET promoter activity suggest the
presence of weak negative and positive elements in the region between 300
and 840 bp upstream to the transcription start site. The region
encompassing the first 300 bp strongly upregulates the promoter. This
region contains four putative **binding** sites for members of the
Ets **transcription factor** family, known to be involved
in invasive growth. Transient co-expression of Ets1 resulted in a strong
enhancement of the MET promoter activity. Increased expression of the Met
protein was observed in cells stably transfected with ETS1. Double
stranded oligonucleotides with Ets consensus sequence were used as a '
decoy' to inhibit **binding** to DNA native sites. They
dramatically reduced the amount of Met protein in a human carcinoma cell
line overexpressing the oncogene. Interestingly, Met activation induces
transcription of ETS1 mRNA, showing that Ets proteins act both upstream
and downstream to MET. These data indicate that members of the Ets family
promote MET transcription and suggest their contribution to the invasive
phenotype through overexpression of MET.